

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/542,866

*card  
shut*  
*C1  
closed*

a drive source for moving said shutter plate; and  
a connecting member for connecting a drive force of said drive source to said shutter  
plate;  
wherein an opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is closed substantially  
parallel to said card transporting path at said closing position, and said opening/closing-side end  
face of said shutter plate is moved, by said drive source, substantially parallel to said card  
transporting path.

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